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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE –
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PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

T. William Hutchens *et al.*

Application No.: 10/700,297

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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ANALYTES

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 4, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.